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1. The Direktsiya na Khoteli (Hotel Administration), located at 4 Iskúr Street, Sofia, controls all hotels in Sofia except the Hotel Bulgariya, which is controlled by "Balkan Tourist", the Government Tourist Agency. The Hotel Administration is responsible to the Sofia City Council.
2. Sofia formerly had 19 hotels. Of these, four have been demolished and two, both on Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard, have been made into student residences.

First Grade Hotels

3. The Slaviyanska Beseda Hotel, a 5-story building on Slaviyanska Street,¹ has 800 beds. An apartment on the first, second, and third floors costs 60 leva per day, while a bed on the fourth or fifth floors costs 16.50 leva. Each room has a telephone. The first two floors of the hotel are reserved for Soviet engineers, chemists, and technicians (and their families) who are employed as experts by the Bulgarian Government.
4. The Moskva Hotel, a 5-story building at No. 3 Triyaditsa Street, has 208 rooms with a total of 800 beds. Each room has a telephone. Prices are slightly lower than those at the Slaviyanski Beseda Hotel.
5. The Vitosha Hotel, a 5-story building at No. 5 Iskúr Street,² has 50 rooms and a total of 150 to 160 beds. A bed costs 16 leva per day.
6. The Leningrad Hotel, a 5-story building, was opened in 1953. The first two floors are reserved for Soviets.

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Second Grade Hotels

7. The Varshava, a 3-story hotel at No. 7 Iskăr Street,³ has 40 rooms and a total of 100 beds. A bed costs seven and one-half leva per day.
8. The Republika Hotel, a 4-story building, is located at No. 34 Alabinska Street. A bed costs six leva per day.
9. The Osogovo Hotel is located at No. 151 Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard,⁴ opposite the central railroad station.

Third Grade Hotels

10. The Tsar Simeon, located at the corner of Tsar Simeon and Lomska Streets,⁵ has 12 or 13 rooms. A bed costs five leva per day.
11. The Rozova Dolina Hotel, located at the corner of Tsar Simeon and Serdika Streets,⁶ has 25 rooms. It is to be closed down because it does not yield sufficient returns.
12. The Stara Planina Hotel is located at either No. 61 or 63 Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard.⁷ A bed costs five leva per day.

Miscellaneous Hotels

13. The Rositsa Hotel, located near the Alexandrovsk Hospital,⁸ is frequented principally by people from provincial towns who have come to Sofia for treatment.
14. The Rakovski Hotel is located on Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard,⁹ near the district police station.
15. The Stalingrad Hotel is located on Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard¹⁰ near the post office and opposite the Security Police.

Personalities

16. Georgi Angelov, head of the Hotel Administration in Sofia since 1949, is a tubercular patient who works only three or four months a year. He is a Communist.
17. Dinka Genkov, assistant head of the Hotel Administration, is a beautiful woman 38 to 40 years old, dark, of medium height, a lawyer, and not popular with the staff. She has been a Communist for four or five years and is married to a lawyer who is employed by the Council of Ministers.
18. Kamen Georgiev, manager of the Slaviyanska Beseda Hotel, is about 55 years old, of average height, has white hair, is married, and has two children. His wife works as a cook. Georgiev is a Communist, and his monthly salary as manager is 800 leva.
19. Georgi Kuprivkin, manager of the Vitosha and Varshava Hotels, is about 40 years old, of average height, and handsome. He is head of the Party cell of hotel workers.
20. Lazarov (fmu.), manager of the Moskva Hotel, is about 50 years old, not a Party member, a former hotel owner, and was married in 1952.
21. Pavel Mangolov, manager of the Republika and Rositsa Motels, is a former partisan who was removed from the Party. He is reportedly rich and owns a farm.
22. Georgi Peshev, head accountant of the Hotel Administration, is about 50 years old, weighs approximately 220 pounds, and does not support the regime.
23. Georgi Stoymenov, manager of the Leningrad Hotel, is about 37 years old, tall, dark, thin, and a Communist. He is married, and his wife works.

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Comments:

The Sofia 1952 telephone directory lists addresses as follows:

1. Slaviyanska Beseda Hotel, No. 127 Rakovski Street.
2. Vitosha Hotel, No. 9 Iskăr Street.
3. Varshava Hotel, No. 11 Iskăr Street.
4. Osogovo Hotel, No. 181 Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard.
5. Tsar Simeon Hotel, No. 67 Tsar Simeon Boulevard.
6. Rozova Dolina Hotel, No. 28 Serdika Street.
7. Stara Planina Hotel, No. 89 Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard.
8. Rositsa Hotel, No. 48 K. Irechek Street.
9. Rakovski Hotel, No. 38 Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard.
10. Stalingrad Hotel, No. 60 Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard.

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